

Supply of the Treasury.

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An Act

Passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*: Begun and held at *Boston* upon Wednesday the twenty-eighth of *May* 1746. And continued by Adjournments to Thursday the sixth of *November* following.

C H A P. XIV.

An Act for supplying the Treasury with the Sum of *twenty Thousand two Hundred Pounds*, for discharging the publick Debts &c. and for drawing in the said Bills into the Treasury again.

**B**E it enacted by the Governour, Council and House of Representatives, That the Treasurer be and hereby is impowered and ordered to emit and issue forth the Sum of *twenty Thousand two Hundred Pounds*, in Bills of Credit of the last Tenor and Date, now lying in his Hands, and received in for Taxes, Impost and Excise, which shall pass in all publick Payments equal to other new Tenor Bills emitted since One Thousand seven Hundred and forty, or if there shall not be a Sufficiency of such Bills, that then the Committee appointed by this Court for signing Bills, are hereby directed and impowered to take Care and make effectual Provision as soon as may be, to imprint the said Bills, or so many as may be needed to compleat the said Sum, and to sign and deliver the same to the Treasurer, taking his Receipt for the same, and the said Committee shall be under Oath for the faithful Performance of the Trust by this Act reposed in them; and the said Sum of *twenty Thousand two Hundred Pounds* shall be issued out of the Treasury in Manner and for the Purposes following, viz. The Sum of

20,200 l.  
Bills of Credit to be emitted.

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5000 l. for  
Wages at  
Caſtle William and other  
Garrifons  
&c.

12,000 l. for  
putting the  
Province in-  
to a better  
Poſture of  
Defence &c.

3000 l. for  
Debts where  
there is no  
Eſtabliſh-  
ment.

200 l. for  
Entertain-  
ments &c.

Surpluſage to  
lie in the  
Treafury.

Warrants to  
exprefs the  
Appropriati-  
ons.

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1757.

*five Thouſand Pounds*, Part of the aforeſaid Sum of *twenty Thouſand two Hundred Pounds*, ſhall be applied for the Payment of Wages that now are or hereafter may be due by Virtue of the Eſtabliſhment of Caſtle William, Frederick Fort, Richmond Fort, George's Truck-Houſe, Saco Truck-Houſe, Brunſwick Fort, the Sloop in the Country's Service, and the Commiſſary's uſual Diſburſements; and the Sum of *twelve Thouſand Pounds*, Part of the aforeſaid Sum of *twenty Thouſand two Hundred Pounds*, ſhall be applied for putting the Province into a better Poſture of Defence, for compleating the Repairs at Caſtle William and other Forts, for paying off ſuch Officers and Soldiers as have done Service for the Province, whoſe Wages are now due, and for ſuch Officers and Soldiers as are or may be in the Province Service, according to the ſeveral Eſtabliſhments for that Purpoſe, for purchaſing all needful warlike Stores for the ſeveral Forts and Garrifons within this Province, purſuant to ſuch Grants as are or ſhall be made by this Court for thoſe Purpoſes; and the Sum of *three Thouſand Pounds*, Part of the aforeſaid Sum of *twenty Thouſand two Hundred Pounds*, ſhall be applied for the Diſcharge of other Debts owing from this Province to Perſons that have ſerved or ſhall ſerve them by Order of this Court in ſuch Matters and Things where there is no Eſtabliſhment, nor any certain Sum aſſigned for ſuch Service, and for Paper, Printing and Writing for this Court, the Expences of the Committees of Council or of the Houſe, or of both Houſes, the Surgeon of Caſtle William, and wooding of the ſaid Caſtle.

*And whereas there are ſometimes publick Entertainments, and from Time to Time contingent and unforeſeen Charges that demand prompt Payment:*

**Be it further enacted**, That the Sum of *two Hundred Pounds*, the remaining Part of the aforeſaid Sum of *twenty Thouſand two Hundred Pounds*, be applied to defrey and pay ſuch Entertainments and contingent Charges, and for no other Uſe whatſoever.

**And be it further enacted**, That if there be a Surpluſage in any Sum appropriated, ſuch Surpluſage ſhall lie in the Treafury for the further Order of this Court.

**And be it further enacted**, That each and every Warrant for drawing Money out of the Treafury, ſhall direct the Treafurer to take the ſame out of ſuch Sums as are reſpectively appropriated for the Payment of ſuch publick Debts as the Drafts are made to diſcharge, and the Treafurer is hereby directed and ordered to pay ſuch Money out of ſuch Appropriation as directed to, and no other, upon Pain of refunding all ſuch Sum or Sums as he ſhall otherwiſe pay, and to keep exact and diſtinct Accompts of all Payments made out of ſuch appropriated Sums, and the Secretary, to whom it belongs to keep the Muſter-Rolls and Accompts of Charge, ſhall lay before the Houſe when they direct, all ſuch Muſter-Rolls and Accompts after Payment thereof.

*And as a Fund and Security for drawing the ſaid Sum of twenty Thouſand two Hundred Pounds into the Treafury again:*

**Be it further enacted**, That there be and hereby is granted unto His moſt excellent Maſteſty for the Ends and Uſes aforeſaid, a Tax of *five Thouſand and fifty Pounds*, to be levied on Polls and Eſtates both Real and Perſonal within this Province, according to ſuch Rules and in ſuch Proportions on the ſeveral Towns and Diſtricts within the ſame as ſhall be agreed upon and ordered by this Court at their Seſſion in May One Thouſand ſeven Hundred and fifty ſeven, and paid into the publick Treafury on or before the laſt Day of December then next after.

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1760.

**And be it further enacted,** That in Caſe the General Court ſhall not at their Seſſion in *May One Thouſand ſeven Hundred and fifty ſeven*, and *One Thouſand ſeven Hundred and fifty eight*, and *One Thouſand ſeven Hundred and fifty nine*, and *One Thouſand ſeven Hundred and ſixty*, agree and conclude upon an Act apportioning the Sum which by this Act is engaged ſhall be in thoſe Years apportioned, aſſeſſed and levied, that then and in ſuch Caſe each Town and Diſtrict within this Province ſhall pay (by a Tax to be levied on the Polls and Eſtates both Real and Perſonal within their Diſtricts) the ſame Proportion of the ſaid Sums as the ſaid Towns and Diſtricts ſhall have been taxed by the General Court in the Tax Act then next preceeding, and the Province Treasuſer is hereby fully impowered and directed ſome Time in the Month of *June*, in the Year *One Thouſand ſeven Hundred and fifty ſeven*, and *One Thouſand ſeven Hundred and fifty eight*, and *One Thouſand ſeven Hundred and fifty nine*, and *One Thouſand ſeven Hundred and ſixty*, to iſſue and ſend forth his Warrants directed to the Select-Men or Aſſeſſors of each Town and Diſtrict within this Province, requiring them to aſſeſs the Polls and Eſtates both Real and Perſonal within their ſeveral Towns and Diſtricts, for their reſpective Part and Proportion of the Sum before directed and engaged to be aſſeſſed by this Act ; and the Aſſeſſors, as alſo Perſons aſſeſſed, ſhall obſerve, be governed by, and ſubject to all ſuch Rules and Directions as ſhall have been given in the next preceeding Tax Act.

Tax for the Money here- by emitted to be made according to the prece- ding Tax Act, in Caſe.

**And be it further enacted,** That the Inhabitants of this Province ſhall have Liberty, if they ſee fit, to pay the ſeveral Sums for which they reſpec- tively may, in Purſuance of this Act be aſſeſſed in Bills of Credit of the Form and Tenor by this Act emitted, or in other new Tenor Bills, or in Bills of the middle Tenor according to their ſeveral Denominations, or in Bills of the old Tenor, accounting Four for One, or in coined Silver at *ſeven Shillings*

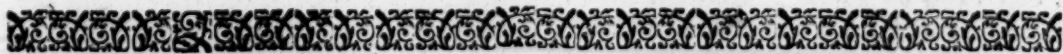
Taxes to be paid in the ſeveral Spe- cies herein enumerated.

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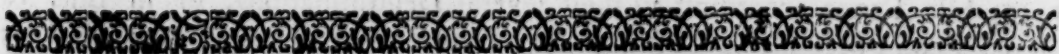
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